GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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STARVATION DEATHS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal children reported to have died due to starvation in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent such recurrence?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not received any report from any State about death of tribal children due to starvation during the last three years. However, a Central Sector Scheme of Grain Banks in Tribal Villages was launched during 1996-97 on a pilot basis in selected areas out of the areas identified by Central Planning Committee (CPC) for preventive measures against deaths of children in remote and backward tribal areas by providing a safeguard against fall in nutritional standard to Scheduled Tribes living in remote rural areas. It has been decided to transfer the scheme to the Department of Food & Public Distribution.